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Chapter 1: Tanjiro

* Tanjiro falls asleep rather easily, snoring on occasion, and can sleep practically anywhere. He's rather still when he sleeps, not really moving around but will adjust when someone decides to sleep next to him. He's used to his siblings sneaking into his bed when they get scared or just want to be close so it became a natural reflex for him just move around when someone wants to cuddle up. You comment on it afterwards, finding it rather adorable.

* Tanjiro makes sure you're completely comfortable before going to bed! Need the pillow fluffed? He's doing it as you ask! Need another blanket? He's carrying a stack for you to choose your favorite! Get thirsty at night? He's already got water ready to go! He's gotta make sure you get the best rest possible though he does get flustered when you tell him you sleep better when he's right by your side.

* Tanjiro does get up early, having been common in his previous life as a charcoal seller as well as his current mission as a demon slayer. It takes a lot of convincing to get him to stay longer in bed but does relent on some occasions such as if you're sick or if the weather looks bad. He feels guilty when he does have to wake up before you but seeing you sleep so comfortably and at ease helps to remind him why he's doing what he's doing and to persevere what he has left. If he does arrive after hours, he'll often find Nezuko and you either waiting for him or having falling asleep together while waiting. Depending on how he feels, he either sleeps nearby as not to disturb you or just wiggles his way in so everyone is together again.

* Tanjiro is a relatively light sleeper, mostly due to his past experiences and especially as a demon slayer. Tanjiro helps you get to sleep but you help him to find his, especially when he's having a restless night. You do your best to help him feel at ease when he wakes up, reassuring that you're safe, Nezuko is safe, and everything is alright. Kind words, gentle back rubs, and your comforting scent helps to put him feel at ease. He always shows his appreciation for helping him with either making breakfast or lingering in bed with you for just a little longer.

* Tanjiro is rather easy to wake up when you use his strong sense of smell to your advantage. If you manage to wake up before him, you'll begin cooking breakfast and the smell of would rouse him from his slumber, greeting you in the kitchen with a sleepy smile and an empty stomach. There are rare moments though when you were all done and perhaps due to exhaustion, Tanjiro was still asleep to which you would bring breakfast over to him, waiting for him to wake up. The way his nose twitches when he smells the nearby food his rather cute before he fully wakes up, apologizes that he didn't wake up earlier but is quick to sing your praises about your cooking as he eats in bed.

Chapter 2: Nezuko

* Nezuko, as a demon, sleeps a lot in order to recover her strength so you can often find her resting or snoozing when she isn't fighting or getting use to walking around during the day. You can often find her curled up under a blanket, half way out of her box, or draped under part of Tanjiro's haori while he rested. After she gains the ability to be in the sunlight, you can find her resting underneath a window much like a cat finding the perfect spot for a nap.

* When Nezuko isn't sleeping in her box, she's usually curled up next to Tanjiro or another demon slayer, depending on who and where they were at the time. She's not too picky but does have her favorites such as her brother, Mitsuri, the Butterfly Estate girls, a few kakushi, demon slayers, and you. If she's feeling sleepy, she'll locate the closest person to cuddle up to and rest with, even if they're busy.

* For you in particular, Nezuko likes to sleep with her head on your lap and loves it when you play with her hair. Much like Tanjiro, you had to learn how to braid hair as Nezuko liked it so much when Mitsuri styled her hair. You learned different styles in time and it becomes one of the fastest ways to help lull Nezuko to sleep. She doesn't move around much either as a demon or human when she sleeps so there isn't much of a worry about her messing up your delicate work.

* Tanjiro teaches you the lullaby Nezuko was sung to by their late mother when he figures it can help calm her down though it always comes with tears and clinginess so you don't use it often. The times you do use it, you make sure to wipe her tears and try to reassure her that everything is okay. She does sleep soundly afterwards but tends to cling to your clothes as if to tell you you're not going anywhere so you don't, keeping her company until she relaxes enough for you to complete your other duties or you rest right next to her.

* As a human, Nezuko tends to have the same habits as her brother; getting up early and starting the day before the sun's even out but on occasion will sleep in if needed. She's made comments that she loves sleeping and will take the opportunity if granted. Tanjiro will find the both of you basking in the sun if the mood strikes you, Nezuko still having a preference to sleep on your lap but laying down, will worm her way into your side.

Chapter 3: Zenitsu

* Zenitsu fights best when he sleeps but what about when he regularly sleeps? Zenitsu tends to be a heavy sleeper when by himself but a light sleeper when resting with another person. Zenitsu tends to curl up on his side when he sleeps but doesn't fumble around much. When he sleeps, a bit of a goofy face shows up, signaling he's in the middle of a good dream. Does have some snot drip down when he does fall asleep.

* When resting with someone else, THE BOY IS CLINGY! He will basically koala you and never let go which makes it difficult when you need to get up to drink or go to the bathroom during the night. If you manage to wiggle out of his grasp and do your business, he acts devastated upon your return and claims you don't love him. He's going to need a lot of reassurance that you do and just had to get up for a moment. On occasion he will just accompany you to the bathroom or kitchen, holding your hand and just sitting/ standing there with a dazed look like he waits for you to finish.

* There were times when you have caught him sleep walking and/or sleep fighting but thankfully you've never been on the receiving end of the latter. Zenitsu has startled you a few times when he gets up and goes on a little sleepy adventures. You tend to follow him and make sure he's safe when he's up and about but you don't touch him just in case. You often ask him if he remembers anything about the previous night but he doesn't seem to recall anything. You do tell him about some of his outings but others you keep to yourself as to not embarrass or fluster him.

* Zenitsu and you create a night routine before going to bed, Zenitsu being insistent that would be a fun couple's activity to do. Your routine often involves a late night snack, brushing his hair lazily while he tells you complains about his day, and listening to you as you talk about your day or hum/sing to him as he falls asleep. Even when apart, you tend to continue the routine or what parts you can as it makes you feel less lonely when parted.

* Zenitsu often carries something of yours with him when he's has to go out on missions, claiming it helps him be at ease and rest easier at night. He can often be found clingy to it when he goes to sleep. He's not picky about it, being a charm you made, an article of clothing, or even a cut lock of hair. The boy is also possessive over it, yelling at anyone to keep their eyes and hands away from it.

Chapter 4: Inosuke

* Inosuke tends to be a deep sleeper, body stretched out and usually scrambling his clothes, blankets, and pillows all over the place. It would actually be unusual if he didn't move all over the place. Has a tendency to kick in his sleep and "migrant" all over the bed or floor. Used to sleep with his mask on in the wild to make it appear that he was wide awake and alert to predators.

* Inosuke is not the best person to sleep with, not even by a long shot! He will hog the bed if given the option pun intended. Inosuke will jab and kick anyone resting with him so expect a lot of bruises when you wake up. Will end up pushing you off the bed if given the chance! He's also a bit of a drooler so be careful, you always tend to find drool stains on the pillows, blankets, and other surfaces.

* Despite being an active sleeper, there are some benefits to falling asleep with him. His favorite spot for you to sleep on is tucked into his side so he can wrap an arm around you, being all strong and protective even in his sleep. Has been trapped by the sheets on more than one occasion with the tossing and turning much to your amusement.

* Inosuke has the ability to fall asleep wherever he wants but does have places he prefers, the latter becoming your lap when he naps. There's something about resting his head on your lap, stroking his hair gently or rubbing his back that eases him. Sometimes you write or draw on his skin with your finger while he dozes off.

* The easiest way to wake up Inosuke is to rub his back gently or putting food nearby. It's amusing to watch his nose twitch when he starts smelling the food or seeing his muscles flex as he rouses from his slumber. He doesn't have that bad of bed head, especially if he wore his boar head to bed. It took a lot of getting use to as early on, resulting in a lot of near heart attacks when opening your eyes, only to come face to snort with a wild animal, unblinking blue eyes staring right into her soul.

Chapter 5: Kyojuro

* Kyojuro tends to be a deep sleeper, having a bit of a rumbly snore, but not too loudly. By himself, Kyojuro tends to sleep on his back, usually stretched out and limbs all over the place. He does toss and turn, restless in sleep as he is awake. His tussling does cause his clothes to become loose but most importantly, his hair becomes even more wild, his bedhead looking like an out of control flame which is perfect for early morning brushes with your fingers.

* When sleeping with you, Kyojuro always wants to be touching you whether it's cuddling up in a loving embrace or just having his hand over yours. Kyojuro is the big spoon, there's no negotiation. Chalk it up to being protective over you or his instincts as a Hashira, Kyojuro NEEDS to be reassured that you're there with him. His favorite spot to rest is on your chest so he can hear your heartbeat lull him to sleep. The best spot to sleep on him is buried in his hair, fluffy and soft with just a hint of sweat, smoke, and sweet potato.

* THE MAN IS A FURANCE! His body just emanates heat, which is great during the wintertime and cool nights, curling up into his side and burying your face into his shoulder. Though this is a detriment during the summer where you both WANT to cuddle but you rather not be a sticky, sweaty mess. Still, you find a way, at least linking pinkies together or your feet touching as some form of connection.

* When parted, you tend to bury yourself in his clothes, claiming you can still feel some of the warmth he left in them. The sight of you using his yukata or spare uniform as a makeshift pillow or blanket when he returns home fills him with a pride though there is a hint of guilt, being away for so from you and your longing to be with him. He has used his haori to ensnare you in his clutches, forcing you to stay in bed with him for just a little longer before you both have to get up for the day.

* Senjuro and Kyojuro do take naps together, usually after training or after a meal, basking in the warmth of the sun. Senjuro sleeps but much his brother, stretching out to soak in the sunlight but on his own, he tends to curl up into a fetal position. You've joined them in their naps from time to time as well as letting Senjuro sleep beside you when Kyojuro is out and you both miss them. When Kyojuro passed, you often found Senjuro alone, crying in his sleep and try to comfort him though it's taking everything in your power not to cry with him. You end up sleeping next to him, muffling your own sobs as the grief takes its toll on you and you eventually fall asleep.

Chapter 6: Gyomei

* This man sleeps like the dead! He doesn't move, doesn't twist or turn. He sleeps on his back and doesn't move an inch until morning or unless he has to get up for the bathroom, to drink, or go on an emergency mission. Gyomei's a deep sleeper but due to his heightened senses, he does get up if he feels something is wrong or he hears a noise that shouldn't be there though you have a hypothesis it's due to the night his world came crashing down. You usually end up with some part of your body on top of his own when you sleep, curled up into side, or clinging to him like a possum to a fallen tree.

* Any time you accidentally do wake Gyomei up, the first thing that happens is he either grabs your hand or arm or just touches for shoulder, back, or any other part of your body he can reach out for. It helps to reassure nothing bad happened to you and you're still beside him. He'll often ask if something is troubling you and if not, pulls you closer towards him before falling asleep once more. If there is a problem such as a nightmare or stress, Gyomei listens to you and provides comfort however he can until you feel better or you can't fight off sleep any longer and sleep nestled against him.

* Gyomei does keep up some nightly routines from his life before becoming a demon slayer such as placing wisteria incense outside his home. You've offered to help but due to that one night and its consequences, he prefers to do it himself. Over time and with a lot of trust, he will let you start to light the incense but not without double checking afterwards for at least a little while. The smell of the earthy sweet fragrance of the wisteria is comforting to a sleepy Gyomei, usually being the last thing on his mind before he retires for the night.

* Gyomei meditates on a daily basis, often doing so in the morning where he could bask in the glow of the morning sun. You attempt to join him on the engawa, but end up falling asleep beside him, the calm air and warmth lulling you back to sleep. He appreciates your efforts and you have been doing better each time but he knows it's not for everyone. He'll often drape you in his happi while he continues on though there are some days where he too is overtaken by his fatigue and decides to join you for a little nap.

* Gyomei, as strong and unmoving as he is, has a particular softness towards cats and thus, will often nap with them if permitted. It's not uncommon for you to come across Gyomei, dozing off on the floor, surrounded by the numerous pets and strays that called his residence him. The cats soak up Gyomei's warmth and curl up against his massive body. Even when he wakes up, he refuses to move, often crying because the cats are so cute and able to rest easy around him. Gyomei has found you in similar predicaments and both of you will join the other in a small nap with the cats if able.

Chapter 7: Giyuu

* Giyuu needs sleep. He's a light sleeper but lingers in bed much longer than he should. He often just lies there awake until his exhaustion takes him out. He's stiff when sleeping with a partner, feeling awkward to reach out to them but just as awkward when they try to cuddle up with him. It's a learning curve that he needs a patient partner for. You have to go slow, starting with sleeping in the same bed but apart which soon moves towards some touches and skin on skin contact.

* Once Giyuu is comfortable with more intimate contact, he finds himself wanting more of that connection. Some of his favorite displays are taking his hand in yours, rubbing his knuckles gently as well as resting his head on your lap, brushing his hair until he bunks down for the night. Your presence helps grounds him and puts him better at ease, helping with getting some rest though most of that is your persistence. You remind him to get some sleep and offer to help however you can so he isn't just waiting for fatigue to take over.

* You try to make some sort of regimen when it comes to going to bed, starting with a cozy meal, getting into some comfortable clothes, and a bath before lay down but with Giyuu's habit of laying in bed waiting to sleep, you try to engage in some sort of conversation, either about his day, his missions, his past, his letters with Tanjiro, anything to try and help him rest and relax but most of the time, you end up falling asleep before him. On the rare occasion he does fall asleep before you, to get to enjoy the reward of seeing Giyuu's sleepy face!

* Giyuu likes to take a bath before goes to sleep, the warm water helping to ease his stress in his body. Though he would prefer to take it by himself, alone with his thoughts in the steam, he's not opposed to you joining him. If truly tired, Giyuu starts to nod off when you wash his back or when settled in the water, causing you to unfortunately wake him with a rub on the shoulder and coax him out to bed.

* Giyuu isn't much for naps but when he sees you dozing off or sleeping soundly, he linger around and keep an eye on you. There's something about the way you look so peaceful, chest rising and falling with each breath, curled up under the futon that convinces him that perhaps a small nap wouldn't hurt him. He'll lay beside you, facing you before he tuckers out but it is a bit of a jump scare if you wake up and see two deep blue eyes just watching you while you slept.

Chapter 8: Sanemi

* Sanemi is a light sleeper. He's got a lot of tension in his body and that affects his rest. He tends to nap more than sleeping throughout the night. When he does wake up, his whole body jolts before a hushed string of curses stumble out of his mouth. It's very jarring the first couple of times sleeping next to him but you get used to it after a while. He finds it hard to go back to sleep so when he wakes up, Sanemi

* Despite being a light sleeper, Sanemi somehow can nap anywhere, even if it's uncomfortable. You've caught him usually sleeping upright against the wall or door but have found him across the floor or draped onto some type of furniture. Your favorite place you have caught him is kneeling in front of the bed, head buried in his arms as he rested against your lap. Unfortunately you woke up with when trying to blush his hair and ruined the moment but you're hopeful to get another chance soon.

* Trying to get Sanemi into a routine is like getting a cat to take a bath; he'll only do it himself and when he feels like it. The best that you've managed is getting him into something lighter and more comfortable than his uniform, getting him to eat some dinner, bathe, and at least lay in bed. Whether he sleeps is up to him but at least he can be reassured you're safe and sound when sleeping.

* Aside from the sudden startles of waking up, Sanemi does find some rest beside you. Sanemi tends to hold your hand while you sleep, a reflex he's developed over the years. He has to make sure you're safe, even when he's resting. He tends to sleep in any position but relaxed but with you, he'll try to overtake you, leading to a feeble attempt of pushing him off only to hold you closer to him. There are some arguments when one wakes up and asks what the other is doing but it does get resolved eventually.

* When the corps gets dissolved, Sanemi finds he can actually sleep easier now that he's not always on edge but some habits die hard. A few days after the final fight, he slept for at least two days straight with you commenting he was making up for lost rest. He can still sleep anywhere but sleeps much deeper now. He still jolts awake and still holds your hand but lingers in bed instead of getting up and preoccupying his time until his next mission.

Chapter 9: Mitsuri

* Mitsuri is the only Hashira that has a great sleep routine. She prides herself on getting a good amount of rest and always seems to wake up refreshed and ready to start the day! When sleeping, Mitsuri likes to be bundled up in nice warm futon blanket and doesn't toss or turn due to cocooning herself in said blanket. Mitsuri also tends to wear socks or her tights in order to keep her feet warm.

* When with a partner, Mitsuri is an absolute cuddle bug! She brings them close and swaddles them in the blanket along with her. Her favorite place to sleep on you is your chest or lap, either position giving her a plush, warm place to rest with the added bonus of you getting to play with her hair. With you, she prefers to have you in her arms, cradled close to her chest and legs tangled up with yours.

* The only downside to cuddling when sleeping is her strength. For some reason, Mitsuri locks you in her arms, making it almost impossible to escape just in case you get too warm or need to pee. Sometimes this is unintentional like late at night, just being too cozy or fully asleep when she has you trapped in her embrace but other times, she uses it as an excuse to snuggle together just a little longer, pretending to still be sleeping when you try to wiggle out of her vice grip to go on a your mission.

* Mitsuri's nighttime routine begins with a warm bath, cleaning off the grime of slaying demons and patching up any injuries before being diving into a hardy meal, either one cooked by her, you, and most often together, followed by dessert. Now warm inside and out, Mitsuri likes to brush her hair or offers to brush yours, even trying to braid or put some accessories in. You do the same, letting her rest on your lap and watching her start to relax and nod off before you either allow her to fall asleep on your lap or coaxing her up to get into bed properly. There are nights when you just end up carrying her to bed but on the occasion that you fall asleep before her, Mitsuri likes to show off her strength and carry you to bed herself.

* Mitsuri enjoys a well-deserved nap after a rather rough mission, preferring the comfort of her home but can rest wherever she can. One of her favorite places to nap is the kotatsu with warm fluffy pancakes on the tabletop, her legs under the futon blanket, and a stray cat deciding to curl up in the warmth. She'll ask you to join her or if she's already asleep, you'll clean up and join her as she looks too adorable and too comfortable to not join.

Chapter 10: Tengen

* Tengen is a light sleeper, mostly due to his shinobi training. He's able to go for a quite a while but eventually his drowsiness gets the better of him. He fights sleep off as long as he can but he inevitably loses. Tengen when by himself, sleeps on his back and sprawls out with a tendency to snore. He's not loud but it is deeper than expected which leads to a very gravelly, but rather attractive morning voice.

* With his wives and you, Tengen tends to prefer someone cuddled into his side. He still sleeps on his back but for a different reason; it gives his partners more options to curl up to him. He'll wrap an arm around a shoulder to keep them close though depending on his partners, they tend to migrate and move around. It's not uncommon to see the number of people in bed shift around, depending on if it's too hot, too cold, or someone accidentally elbowed someone else in the face.

* Tengen's got a large bed in order for everyone to sleep in the same place and spent a pretty coin on it too! But there are other places to sleep in his home as well just in case. If someone is sick, they usually get isolated into a separate bedroom for their sake as well as everyone else's which is rather convenient. There is a sort of bedtime routine, usually involving a bath and getting into some sort of organization of where people are sleeping for the night before getting settled in.

* Once Tengen retires, he finds himself napping more as his body is actually able to rest after years of being a Hashira but still, that guilt of retiring, of not being able to continue to fight, haunts him in his sleep as he calls out, cursing himself for not being stronger and wanting to go back to duties. Sometimes the raking of his hair with some fingers or a brushing of a thumb against his knuckles calmed him, but there are other times he breaks out into a sweat, waking himself or needing to be woken up by someone else. He always reassures he's fine yet the comfort he gets, usually a hug or gentle word eases his mind and soul.

* Days at the hot springs are lazy ones, the warm water, steam, and good company combine to create the perfect napping environment. Soaking in the hot water helps to alleviate any aches and pains Tengen has and with the light yukata, cool breeze, and plentiful sake, an afternoon nap helps to end the day on a high note. He's even been caught dozing off in the spring water a few times though thankfully, either you or one of the wives sits next to him, allowing him to doze off with his head on a shoulder before it's time to leave the warmth and relaxation of the hot spring.

Chapter 11: Shinobu

* Shinobu only rests when she wants to, not when she needs to. It's a common sight to see her busying herself to the point where she exhausts herself despite knowing how detrimental it is for her health. She's a busy body but when she does rest, it's more like a nap in which just curls up in her bed or a nice spot tucked away from prying eyes before allowing herself to take a break before the call to aid wakes her up. There have been times when she's gone without sleep for a few days, concerning everyone and forcing her to rest when she needs it.

* When Shinobu does go down for some actual sleep, she curls up much like she does when she naps, using her oversized haori as a makeshift blanket or a pillow if it's too hot. She prefers to sleep in warmth and does like to hog a blanket if given the option. When sleeping with someone else, she tends to curl into their side, sleeping like she does when she's alone but now, she has another source of warmth to leech off of. She also has cold feet and will use them in order to steal the blanket or to wake you in order to get something.

* If she has a partner who doesn't sleep easily, Shinobu will use her medical knowledge to come up with a sleep aid for them. You end up becoming a bit of a test subject with her finding the right dosage, using some of her previous work to formulate something special for you. There have been some strange side effects that have left you ill or times in which you've passed out for days but either way, she'll take care of you until you're ready for the next concoction. She's adamant that you take it every night and it becomes part of your nighttime routine. If medicine doesn't work for you, she'll use other methods like aromatherapy to help you find a good night's rest.

* Your night-time routine is very simple but effective for a well-rounded sleep. Medication followed by a warm bath or shower, especially after a battle or work, starts the night, the heat helping you to relax and allowing the medicine to circulate around the body. While Shinobo's working on last minute work or making some rounds at the Butterfly Estate, you work on warming up the blanket, so she's not cold when finally tucking in for the night. Sometimes you have to find her and drag her to bed yourself, armed with the warmed blanket to capture her and bring her to bed before finally going down for the night.

* It's common to have many nights when Shinobu is not in bed, either coming in late due to a nighttime mission, leaving early for a morning mission, or just being absent. During some late-night searches, you've found her either sleeping at her desk or just taking time by herself. When she's asleep, you tend to pick her up and take her to bed but when she's taking some alone time, you let her be, knowing if she needs you, she will seek you out. During late arrivals and early departures, Shinobu makes sure you know she's safe and sound, giving you a kiss on the cheek before either tucking in or leaving you in blissful slumber.

Chapter 12: Haganezuka

* Haganezuka doesn't sleep, at least not willingly. He has almost worked and trained himself to death many times trying to perfect his craft or his body to, well, perfect his craft. When it comes to his work, Haganezuka has a one-track mind and will hyper fixate to make sure his work is done and done right. When he does manage to get some rest, he tends to either fall asleep by his work bench or manages to drag himself to his bed for a proper rest. He tends to sleep on his side, but he tosses and turns frequently. It's rumored that he does so due to his… intensity. He always manages to get some bedhead from the constant movement in his sleep.

* Haganezuka doesn't often sleep next to his partner unless they bring him to bed themselves, either through the offer of mitarashi dango or literally having to carry but more often than not drag him to bed. Your best bet to get him into bed is to tickle him in order to stun him then move him into bed. With a partner, he tends to wrap his arms around your arm though it's more of a protective reaction than being romantic. His tossing does keep you up or startle you in your sleep but when he holds on, he sleeps stilly as if you're grounding him.

* Your nighttime routine is simple though Haganezuka tends to complicate the matter. If Haganezuka has work, he tends to focus only on it, but you do pry him away when needed, such as taking a break for some food or a bath. You usually bring his meals to him and eating with him in his workshop, listening to him rant about a client breaking a sword or ramble about his latest project, both with an equally fiery passion. Even if you tuck into bed before him, you put out a blanket for him to at least use when he's too tired to work. It's the little things like that which made him fall for you.

* That's not to say Haganezuka can't be affectionate towards you. Even if he does focus mostly on his own work and priorities, he knows you put in just as much effort into your relationship as he does into his work, which is commendable. There are times when he does take a break and sees you curled up on the floor of his workshop, having dozed off waiting for him. He could just wake you up and tell you to wait for him in your bedroom, but he doesn't. Either you find yourself back in bed without recalling how you got there or awake to see that you're still beside him, now with a blanket or haori covering you to keep your body warm.

* When Haganezuka and you are parted, you tend to sleep in his workshop as the area smells like him and eases you to sleep. With Haganezuka, he keeps a memento of you on him, either a small charm or piece of handiwork you made for him and keeps it close when he rests for the night. There are windchimes strewn around your home that help to calm down Haganezuka but have the added effect of lulling you to sleep as well.

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